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SUBJECT: FALL SEMIANNUAL MEETING/CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM
OCTOBER 18-20, 2006
TO BE HELD IN SAN DIEGO WITH A DAY TRIP TO MEXICO

This is to advise you that during the Continuing Education Program of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Fall Semiannual meeting, there will be travel to a foreign country (Mexico). Some jurisdictions require that employees receive special permission to leave the country during the course of business. If you plan to attend the CCLHO Fall Semiannual Meeting, you should inquire in your jurisdiction if this permission is necessary, and if it is, follow the procedures to obtain it. Below is information about the meeting that you can use to obtain this permission.

CCLHO is holding its Fall Semiannual Meeting October 18-20, 2006 at the Hilton—San Diego Airport/Harbor Island in San Diego. During that meeting there will be a day trip to Tijuana, Mexico for a meeting to be held jointly with Mexican health officials. In addition, the Director's Dinner will also be held jointly with Mexican counterparts in Tijuana. After the dinner, participants from the United States will travel back to San Diego. Bus transportation will be provided from the Hilton in San Diego to and from Tijuana.

CCLHO Fall Semiannual Business Meeting:

The Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (registration at 8:00 a.m.) at the Hilton in San Diego. All sleeping accommodations for the nights of October 17, 18, and 19 will be at the Hilton in San Diego, on the United States side of the border.

Continuing Education Program:

The Continuing Education Program, “***Binational and Border Health: Shared Challenges and Solutions***” will be held on Thursday, October 19, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, October 20, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The continuing education program is held twice a year in accordance with Section 100925 of the Health and Safety Code and is intended to support California's local public health officers in conducting their duties within their respective counties.

The Thursday, October 19th continuing education program will be held jointly with our Mexican counterparts at the CANACO in Tijuana, Mexico. This is our first opportunity in many years to meet directly with our counterparts in governmental public health in Mexico.

The dinner banquet will occur Thursday evening at the Cien Años Restaurant in Tijuana. Sandra Shewry, Director, California Department of Health Services and Dr. Roberto Tapia Conyer, Vice Minister of Prevention and Protection of Health, Ministry of Health, Mexico will address the health officers of both California and Mexico regarding topics of mutual interest.

The Friday, October 20th continuing education program will take place at the Hilton in San Diego.

The agenda for the semiannual meeting is being developed with the cooperation of several health officers, and in conjunction and consultation with the California Office of Binational Border Health (COBBH) and the California Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI).

California is a multicultural state with individuals from Mexico traveling/living throughout the entire state. Therefore, public health issues from Mexico impact every jurisdiction within the state. This meeting will help define and address binational public health concerns. We expect the continuing education portion to be of mutual benefit to the health officials of California and of Mexico.

Passports:

Although passports may not be absolutely necessary to travel to Mexico, all participants should consider having a passport to expedite travel back into the United States. Please check your passport status.

Additional information:

This Meeting is a legal charge to the local health jurisdiction. There is no state reimbursement for travel. Additional information and registration materials will be provided at a later date.